

ed to appoint an officer to take care of the situation. But I don't think anybody can deny there is abundant evidence in the N.T. that there is to be a visible church. And that this visible church is an organized party which has certain officers with certain functions. And certain definite ways of doing things. That we could spend a month on, but I think that it is quite clear. I don't think we need to spend a lot of time trying to prove it.

But then I went on in that to take up various points in order to make clear the fact that there are many very very vital considerations on which we do not have clear evidence as to how they were done in the N.T. times. And we have evidence that look s in one direction and looks in another direction. For instance, let me ask you this question. Where did Timothy receive his power or his * gifts. Well, of course, I have a little booklet here by Prof. of the Univeraity of Aberdeen, about 1888, a Scotch Presbyterian professor at that time, in which he is discussing the subject of the church. And he has some very very fine material in the book. But one thing I was much struck with last night, is his statement about who makes a minister. And he says, in it very strongly, that no presbytery, no bishop, no congregation, no human beings can make a minister. He says that Christ makes ministers and nobody else can make them. He says, the action of the church is minister only, it does not make a candidate a minister of Christ, it only sets the church's seal on him as having been already made one of Christis ministers by Christ Himself. And admits him accordingly to the exercise of minister. That is a ~~my~~ very strong statement which he makes. And I think it is a statement which anybody who believes that Christ/ is the head of the church will admit that the only one who can make one a minister is Christ.

But, ~~xx~~ of course, that does not mean that a man can come to a group of people and say, look at here, Christi madē me minister over your congregation, it is up to you to listen to my preaching. He can't do that. If he knows in his heart that Christ has made him a minister, then he should look for some external evidence that he is not mistaken or ~~deluded~~ deluded. And Christ will give him external evidence by the acts of ~~the~~ others to fit with the internal